III

PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I hereby appoint the following four gentlemen to be a panel of chairmen for the session 1923–24 :—

The Raja of Ramnad,
Professor M. Ratnaswami,
Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar, and
Mr. K. V. Ramachari."

IV

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the Government have issued any whip to the nominated or official members of the Legislative Council to vote against the Resolution to be moved by Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi on the 27th November 1923 ? "

The hon. Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER :—" The hon. Member has addressed the question to me as Home Member. I beg to inform him that I am the Finance Member. I am very glad to dispense with notice and give him the information which he desires. The answer to his question is in the negative."

V

MOTION FOR AN ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR REGARDING THE CONSTITUTION OF THE MINISTRY.

Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO :—" Sir, there is an impression among the hon. Members of this House that this motion is a vote of censure on His Excellency the Governor. I want to know whether it will be a vote of censure on His Excellency, and, if it will be one, I rise to a point of order."

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. This question is out of order."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I understand the hon. Member, Mr. Rama Rao, to ask me, first of all, if this resolution is a vote of censure on His Excellency the Governor, and, if so, he raises a point of order as to whether it is allowable. My reply is : he must make up his mind by looking at the paper whether it is a vote of censure or not. If, after he has made up his mind, he rises up and tells me that it is a vote of censure, and that therefore he objects to it, then it will be for me to say whether it is a vote of censure or not." (Laughter.)

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI :—" Mr. President, I rise to move :

' *That a humble and dutiful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor submitting that the Ministry, as now constituted by him, is against the weight of the verdict given by the country in the general election and does not possess the confidence of this House.*'

In a way, Sir, my path has been eased by the point of order raised, since you gave the clue that if any hon. Member felt that this address, either in its wording or its intent, conveyed a censure on His Excellency, he might address you to that effect and request you to disallow it on that ground. No hon. Member has dared to rise, put that construction on it and appeal to you to throw it out on that point of order,